

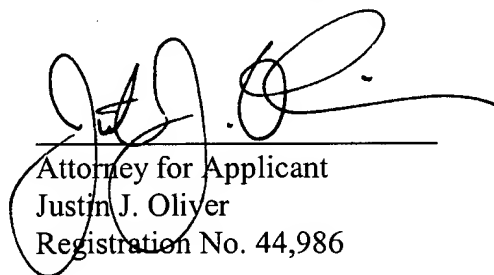
REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-12 are now pending in this application, with Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, and 12 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 7, and added new Claim 12.

Claims 1-8, 10 and 11 are allowed. Applicant submits that Claim 12 is also allowable for reasons similar to those pertaining to the previously allowed claims. Also, the changes to the previously allowed claims are merely intended to define the present invention even more clearly, and Applicant submits that those claims remain allowable.

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